

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a postprocessing with respect to an image forming member on which an image is to be formed, the method comprising:

attaching a storage medium to the image forming member on which ~~it has started to form the image,~~ image formation has been started,

wherein attaching comprises stapling a staple needle to a single image forming member.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium is attached to the image forming member after a process of transferring the image onto the image forming member.

17. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium is attached to the image forming member after a process of fixing the image onto the image forming member.

18. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising writing data into the storage medium.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the data has been input by a user.

20. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the data is written into the storage medium that has been attached to the image forming member.

21. (New) The method according to claim 15 wherein an instruction of attaching the storage medium to the imager forming member is given by an external terminal via a network.

22. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the storage medium is held by a staple needle and the staple needle is attached to the image forming member.